law actually occupies the same house that was inhabited by the *mctiıre d'hdtel* and favourite *femme de chambre* (his wife) of Anne of Austria. That Queen made a *neuvaine*[1] to St. Leonard, whose chapel is near Choisy and who is famous for procuring children to barren ladies. Every day during her pilgrimage the Queen retired to this house at Choisy after the ceremonies were over; and there is a tradition that someone came to visit her from Ruel every evening by a private road which leads through the meadows to the river, where the country people say there is, or was, within the memory of man, a ford, the only one for miles on the Seine. They show the traces of the road.

The Marechal de Beauveau told me the following anecdote, and assured me it had been handed down from generation to generation from the person to whom the circumstance occurred.

Whilst the Cardinal de Richelieu resided at Ruel, a man of rank received at Paris a message from him, to say that he desired he would immediately

mount his horse with the utmost secrecy and
come with all speed to confer with his Eminence
upon certain affairs of great moment. The noble-

i Nine days* prayers.